

Abstract

An apparatus is provided for gathering, picking up and carrying loose materials such as dirt, leaves, debris, trash, hay, ice, snow and other materials or objects. The apparatus is made up of two elements which each have shafts with grasping means at one end, which shafts are joined by a flexible, removeable coupling in such a way that the grasping means of both elements can be brought together to draw loose items between them and to hold said loose items between them. The entire apparatus can then be lifted to transport the loose items to another location, where they are released by separating the grasping means of the two elements. The coupling may be removed from one or both elements to permit their use separately. The elements with grasping means can be commercially available rakes or shovels.